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1. ALGERIAN PRESS AUG 31 GIVES MAJOR FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO APPROVAL "BY ALL APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES EXCEPT THE NETHERLANDS" OF SALE (REPORTED ALGIERS REFTEL) OF EIGHT BILLION CUBIC METERS PER YEAR ALGERIAN GAS TO GASUNIE OF HOLLAND AND RUHRGAS AND SALZGITTER OF GERMANY. THIS IS, OF COURSE, TYPICALLY ALGERIAN WAY OF REPORTING THAT GERMANY HAS APPROVED CONTRACT.
2. ARTICLE CONFIRMS IN FINAL PARAGRAPH OUR ASSUMPTION (AND THAT OF OUR GERMAN AND DUTCH COLLEAGUES) THAT COLLAPSE OF US EASCOGAS CONTRACT FULFILLS CONDITION THAT GASUNIE/RUHRGAS/SALZGITTER CONTRACT EFFECTIVE ONLY IF GAS PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED TO US FIRMS BECOMES AVAILABLE THROUGH LACK OF TIMELY FPC APPROVAL OR IF NEW ALGERIAN GAS FOUND.

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3. DUTCH CHARGE CONFIRMS THAT, TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, CONTACT NOT YET APPROVED BY HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAYS HE HAS BEEN ASSURED THERE EVERY LIKELIHOOD CONTRACT WILL BE APPROVED PRIOR TO OCT 31. HE EXPRESSED LITTLE CONCERN OVER PUBLIC REACTION TO RELATIVELY HIGH PRICE (SEE THE HAGUE REFTEL), SINCE GASUNIE CONTRACT IS FOR GAS DELIVERIES BEGINNING FIVE YEARS HENCE AND CONTINUING FOR TWENTY YEARS. THUS COMPARISON WITH CURRENT MARKET NOT REALLY VALID. HAYNES

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